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Subject: Proposed Rule: Legal Expense Fund Regulation (RIN 3209-AA50)
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Dear Office of Government Ethics:

Like many Americans concerned about corruption and declining trust in our government, I write to you today to oppose the proposed regulations as currently written.

Specifically, I oppose any provisions which propose to allow these regulations to be optional. While ethical lapses have become far too common, particularly over the past 6 years, no ethics regulations should be optional. Ethics in government service should always be mandatory - never optional.

Second, recusal from the acceptance of cash gifts from donors who have are subject to regulations or have business with former government officials should be extended from the proposed one year to a minimum of five years. Doing so will lessen the temptation of officials to bend rules in favor of an individual or business in return for some delayed reward (bribe). Extending the recusal period from one year to five would be appropriate.

Third, non-profit 501-c(3) organizations should be on equal footing with for profit orgs and should be allowed to hire legal counsel for whistleblower investigations/cases.

Thank you,

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